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SUBJECT: ENCOURAGING SUPPORT FOR UN 1267 SANCTIONS AND
FOLLOW-ON RESOLUTION TO UNSCR 1735

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Classified By: Poloff Chris Buck; reasons 1.4(b) and (d).

11. (C) Poloff delivered message in reftel on July 2 to Daniel Frank, MFA Deputy Coordinator for Counter-terrorism. Frank said that the GOS had not yet formulated its official response to UNSCR 1822, but that the MFA noted and appreciated the positive elements. He remarked that UNSCR 1822 was a "great improvement" over its predecessors, and this indicated that some of the concerns about the 1267 sanctions process voiced by countries like Switzerland had been heard and addressed, particularly with regard to how the lists are compiled and maintained.

12. (C) However, Frank still expressed concern about the 1267 de-listing mechanism, reiterating the Swiss view that an independent review body would strengthen the process, encourage more states to participate more fully, and help in defending cases now before European courts. Poloff emphasized the importance of supporting the mechanisms outlined in UNSCR 1822, and urged the Swiss government to recognize publicly the achievements made in the resolution.
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